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*Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another
to be the best we can be.*

Dear Parents/Carers

The building work on the new entrance is now complete and I'm sure you will agree that it has given the school a much needed facelift. The security gates from outside the church and at the top of the carpark will now be closed from 9.15am and then re-opened at 3.00pm. Anyone needing to come in to school between these times will need to walk round on to Lowergate. Staff are not permitted to open the gates during these times. I'm sure you will appreciate the need for safeguarding the children during school hours.

Anti -Bullying

This week was National Anti-Bullying week. The theme was Power of Good. On Monday, Miss Smith led a whole school assembly to talk to the children about what bullying is, what it isn't and what to do if they are feeling sad and or feeling they are being bullied. We have also renewed our Anti-Bullying Charter with all children and adults signing up to this. In addition, you should have received some helpful information from school and the anti-bullying alliance. This, along with the school anti-bullying policy is on the school website.

Our anti-bullying ambassadors are wonderful and continue to have a role to play in supporting with positive relationships in school. To help raise awareness for this cause the children wore 'Silly Socks' on Monday. The picture is in the Clitheroe Advertiser.

KS1 Film Night



The infant's film night will be held tomorrow starting at 3.30pm, please can you ensure children are collected by 5.45pm via the dining room doors. The PTA AGM will be held at 2.00pm prior to this. The junior film night is next Friday. Please send in your payment and permission slips.



School Christmas fair



The PTA Christmas Fair will be held in school on Friday 8th December from 3.30pm. Over the next few weeks we will be asking for donations. Please see below for some of the requests.

Teddies - 17 & 24th November for the Teddy Stall.

Luxury/nice Christmas Food item - something you'd like to have to use at Christmas e.g. luxury brandy butter.

Golden time fundraising event

On Friday 17th November the children will be doing various activities to raise money for the Samaritans Shoe box appeal. Please can you send in £1 for the children to join in with these.



Maths Week

This week was Maths week for the whole school and Mr Connolly organised various activities for the children to take part in. Each class have solved a Maths trail that the Year 6 children designed and the prizes will be given out in assembly. Some classes have created pictures of monsters using different shapes and have carried out and solved investigations. KS 1& Ks 2 had to 'guesstimate' the number of sweets in the jar and the winner will be announced in assembly. (They don't get to keep the sweets though!)

Dinner Money

Please can I ask that all dinner money is in credit. Mrs Wilkinson is having to spend time sending out reminders for payment. If you are using parent pay, it is easy to keep track of how much is in credit. If you receive a reminder text, please ensure you settle the outstanding balance.



Before & Afterschool Activities.

The spring term breakfast and afterschool clubs will soon be coming out. These can **ONLY** be booked using the parent pay system. This will be a first come first served basis. Please ensure you have your user name and password to set up your account up. These are available from Mrs Wilkinson.

Some of the clubs will send out flyers where parents can pay the company direct. In this case they will **not** show on the Parentpay system. These can be sent in to the office with payment as instructed on the flyer.

These clubs will be:

Judo

Drama

Computer Coding

Zumba

French Club

As soon as these clubs are 'live' on the system a text will be sent out.

Holiday Pattern

The holiday list for 18/19 will be sent out once it has been finalised by the governors at the Full Governing Body meeting on 29th November.



Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 start their bikeability course next week. All signed documentation should have been handed in to Mr Connolly. Bikes can be left in school overnight.

Dates for your diary

Friday 17th November - Year 5 Celebration Assembly

Friday- 17th November - Infant PTA Film night 3.30-5.45pm(collection via the dining room doors)
2.00pm PTA AGM

Monday 20th -Thursday- year 6 bikeability

Friday 24th November - Junior PTA Film Night 3.30-5.45pm(collection via the dining room doors)

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Z Mabbott
Headteacher